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SUBJ: VISIT OF OAPEC OFFICIAL TO US

1. DR. WALID KHADDURI, DIRECTOR, OAPEC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, CALLED EMBOFF TO SAY THAT HE WAS GOING TO US ON PERSONAL VISIT SOON DURING WHICH HE HOPED ALSO TO ACCOMPLISH SOME THINGS PROFESSIONALLY. HE WILL REPRESENT OAPEC AT AN INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA MAY 9-12 AND THEREAFTER WILL GO TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE WILL STAY AT THE SHERATON CARLTON UNTIL MAY 30.

2. KHADDURI SAYS HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO VISIT VARIOUS US ENERGY INFORMATION CENTERS, SEE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OPERATION OF AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE AND IN GENERAL TO MOVE AROUND THE ENERGY-RELATED DEPARTMENT OF THE USG. HE IS MOST INTERESTED, HE SAYS, IN VISITING SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE ON ENERGY COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES. OAPEC SYG ALI ATEEQA HAS ALSO ASKED US TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WE CAN WHILE KHADDURI IS IN WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES KHADDURI VISIT OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS IMPORTANT OAPEC OFFICIAL WITH US ENERGY ACTIVITIES AND PARTICULARLY ENERGY-RELATED INFORMATION ACTIVITIES. DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM WAS ARRANGED FOR ANOTHER OAPEC HEADQUARTERS OFFICIAL, DR. USAMA UNCLASSIFIED

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JAMALI, AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES' SUPPORT AT THAT TIME HAS

PROVEN TO BE WELL WORTH EFFORT. SIMILARLY, BELIEVE KHADDURI WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ARRANGING SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM. SINCE HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS, THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO SCHEDULE GOOD MEETINGS, ALTHOUGH THERE OBVIOUSLY NO REQUIREMENT TO FILL HIS TIME COMPLETELY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: KHADDURI, WHO IS AN IRAQI EDUCATED IN US AND WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL, LEAVING KUWAIT MONDAY APRIL 26 TO ATTEND OAPC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BAGHDAD, AND HE WILL TRAVEL FROM THERE TO US. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY, WE SHALL SUGGEST TO KHADDURI THAT HE CONTACT NEA-ARP (LYLE) UPON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. NEA/CRP MAY WISH CONSULT WITH CU AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM.
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